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GENERAL ORDERS, }  
No. 298. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
Washington, December 6, 1864.

*Declaration of Exchange of Prisoners of War.*

1. It having been officially reported that Mr. OULD, rebel Commissioner of Exchange, has declared, without consulting with the authorities of the United States, that all rebel prisoners delivered for exchange, or parole, by the United States Government up to November 25, 1864, are exchanged, it is

*Ordered,* That all Federal Prisoners of War, of the Army and of the Navy, and all civilians on parole for exchange up to November 25, 1864, be declared exchanged, and they are thus declared exchanged accordingly.

2. All paroled officers and enlisted men, herein declared exchanged, who are in camp, will be immediately forwarded by the commandants of camps to their regiments and commands, and will be reported to the Commissary General of Prisoners accordingly. Those who are absent on leave, will, on expiration of their leave, repair forthwith to the Parole Camps at Annapolis, Maryland, or Columbus, Ohio.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR :

E. D. TOWNSEND,

*Assistant Adjutant General.*

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